accepted by the Ministry of Railways with certain modifications and prices provided for in the contracts through wagon India Ltd. have accordingly been finalised.

(c) Does not arise.

पेट्रोलियम की मांग का अनुमान

*57. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंत में देश में पेट्रोलियम की मांग के संबंध में अनुमान लगाया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पेट्रोलियम की मांग की अनुमानित मात्रा कितनी है और वर्ष 1995-96 की तुलना में कितनी है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने देश में पेट्रोलियम विशेषकर कच्चे तेल के **उत्पादन के संबंध** में भी कोई अनुमान लगाया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंत तक इसकी कितनी मात्रा में उत्पादन दिए जाने का अनुमान है और वर्ष 1995-96 में किए गए उत्पादन की तुलना में यह मात्रा कितनी है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र): (क) और (ख) जी हां। वर्तमान अनुमानों के अनुसार नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंत (2001-02) तक देश में पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की मांग 112.8 एम एम टी होने का अनुमान है। इसकी तुलना में 1995-96 में पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की मांग 74.72 एम एम टी थी।

(ग) और (घ) 1995-96 और 1996-97 के दौरान कच्चे तेल का उत्पादन क्रमशः 35.147 (एम एम टी) और 32.86 एम एम टी था।

अन्वेषण और उत्पादन संबंधी नौवीं योजना के उप-समूह न कच्चे तेल के उत्पादन की रूप रेखा अब निम्नानुसार दर्शाई है:—

(आंकड़े मिलियन मीट्रिक टन में)

वर्ष	ओ एन जी सीओ	आई	एलसंयुक्त उद्यम योग कंपनी	
1997-98	27.733	3.10	3.590	34.423
1998-99	28.092	3.20	4.40	35.692
1999-2000	29.180	3.29	4.08	36.550
2000-01	29.871	3.38	3.93	37.181
2001-02	30.018	3.5	3.46	36.978

Observance of 1997-98 as Zero Failure Year by KVS

*58. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has since decided to observe 1997-98 as 'Zero Failure Year'; and

(b) if so, the details of its targets, aims and objects, modes of observance etc.?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan set for itself a target of zero failure at class X and XII level in 1996-97. This target has since been extended to cover all classes of each Kendriya Vidyalaya. The sangathan has planned to achieve this target through various measures including intensive monitoring of academic activities, recruitment and appointment of teachers, systematic in-service training of teachers and Principals and encouragement of co-curricular activities.

'People of India' Project

*59. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project 'People of India' was conceived and whether any time schedule was fixed for it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work is going strictly according to the schedule;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) how does Government propose to distribute it and what would be its cost?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, a time schedule was fixed. The operational

part of the project that includes consultation of secondary source material and field work was to be completed by the end of the 7th Plan period. The Publication of 43 volumes was scheduled to be completed by the year 1996, through the Oxford University Press and a Consortium of four publishers especially selected for this purpose.

(c) The operational part of the project including field work, analysis of data and writing of abstracts and reports was completed as per the schedule. The Publication programme of the 43 volumes, however, could not be adhered to.

(d) Out of 43 volumes, eight (8) National volumes and fifteen (15) State/Union Territory volumes have been published. The manuscripts of the National and State/Union territory volumes duly edited in publishable form were handed over to all the publishers on *31.3.1993*. The reason for delay in completion of the publication programme within the time schedule, was because of incorporation of additional data based on secondary sources, as well as from fresh field work, at the instance of the editor/general editor of the volumes, besides time taken to check and proof read the same.

(e) As per the agreement, the distribution of the 43 volumes will be undertaken by the respective publishers. The price of each volume is fixed by the publisher in consultation with the *Anthropological Survey of India* on the basis of the established formula of the Anthropological Survey of India. The price of each volume, therefore, is likely to vary.

Improvement in Varieties of Sugarcane

*60. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian council of Agricultural Research has made any efforts to improve the sugarcane varieties being grown in Andhra Pradesh:

(b) whether it is a fact that cane yield in Andhra Pradesh are not upto the optimum mark;

(c) whether any effort has been made to study the reasons for high yield of cane in some foreign countries;

(d) what steps are proposed to be introduced to ensure better varieties of cane in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the details of the steps proposed by ICAR?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir, under the ICAR sponsored All India Coordinated Research Project on Sugarcane, varietal improvement programme is taken up at Anakapalle centre of Andhra Pradesh Agriculture University.

(b) The cane yields in Andhra Pradesh have been higher than the national average.

(c) The factors responsible for higher yields in some foreign countries have been critically analysed and taken into account in technology generation progrmmes.

(d) and (e) The following steps are taken by ICAR to introduce better varieties in Andhra Pradesh:

(i) The promising varieties are identified as CO8014, COA 8401, COA 7601, COC 671, CO7706, COR 93096, CO6907, CO 7219 and CO 62175 for commercial cultivation.

(ii) Intensification of breeding and selection programme using new parents.

(iii) Popularisation of better varieties through Front-Line Demonstrations.

(iv) Production and distribution of quality seed of improved varities.